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In re Patent Application of:  
John Comfort et al.

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Art Unit: 3682

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Final Office Action dated July 14, 2003, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.



# AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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